

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 29 which begins with "According to an exemplary..." with the following amended paragraph:

According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention ~~as set forth in claim 1,~~ the above object may be solved by a method of artifact correction in a data set of an object of interest, wherein an image of the object of interest is reconstructed on the basis of the data set and wherein a statistical weighing is performed during reconstruction of the image.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line ⁷~~8~~ which begins with "According to another exemplary..." with the following amended paragraph:

According to another exemplary embodiment of the present invention ~~as set forth in claim 2,~~ the data set is a projection data set acquired by means of a source of electromagnetic radiation generating a beam and by means of a radiation detector detecting the beam.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line ¹⁴~~15~~ which begins with "Another exemplary embodiment..." with the following amended paragraph:

In another ~~Another~~ exemplary embodiment of the present invention, ~~is set forth in claim 3, wherein~~ the source of electromagnetic radiation is a polychromatic x-ray source. Furthermore, according to an aspect of this exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the source moves along a helical path around the object of interest and the beam has one of a cone beam geometry and a fan beam geometry.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line ²⁷~~28~~ which begins with "According to another exemplary..." with the following amended paragraph:

According to another exemplary embodiment of the present invention ~~as set forth in claim 4~~, the reconstruction of the image is performed on the basis of an iterative algorithm comprising a plurality of update steps until an end criterion has been fulfilled.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line ⁴~~6~~ which begins with, "According to another exemplary..." with the following amended paragraph:

According to another exemplary embodiment of the present invention ~~as set forth in claim 5~~, the iterative algorithm is a maximum-likelihood algorithm and the reconstructed image has the highest likelihood. Furthermore, the weighing is performed in each update step of the plurality of update steps.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line ¹²~~14~~ which begins with, "Another exemplary embodiment..." with the following amended paragraph:

In another ~~Another~~ exemplary embodiment of the present invention, ~~is set forth in claim 6, wherein~~ a number of detected photons during acquisition of the data set is determined and the weighing is based on a statistical error of the number of detected photons.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line ¹⁹~~21~~ which begins with, "According to another exemplary..." with the following amended paragraph:

According to another exemplary embodiment of the present invention ~~as set forth in claim 7~~, an update of an attenuation parameter μ_j^{n+1} is calculated from the attenuation parameter μ_j^n by

$$\mu_j^{n+1} = \mu_j^n + \mu_j^n \frac{\sum_i l_{ij} \frac{\sum_i l_{ij} [d_i e^{-\langle l_i, \mu^n \rangle} - Y_i] / \sigma_{Y_i}^2}{\sum_i l_{ij} / \sigma_{Y_i}^2}}{\sum_i l_{ij} \langle l_i, \mu^n \rangle d_i e^{-\langle l_i, \mu^n \rangle}}$$

wherein d_i is a number of photons emitted by the source of radiation, l_{ij} is a basis function of an i -th projection, l_i is a vector of basis functions l_{ij} of the i -th projection and $\langle l_i, \mu \rangle$ is an inner product, defined by $\langle l_i, \mu \rangle = \sum_j l_{ij} \mu_j$.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page ³ 4, line ²⁹ 2 which begins with, "According to another exemplary..." with the following amended paragraph:

According to another exemplary embodiment of the present invention ~~as set forth in claim 8~~, the reconstruction of the image is based on a sub-set of at least two projections of all acquired projections of the projection data set.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line ⁵ 8 which begins with, "According to another exemplary..." with the following amended paragraph:

According to another exemplary embodiment of the present invention ~~as set forth in claim 9~~, a data processing device is provided, which comprises a memory for storing a data set and a data processor for performing artifact correction in the data set of the object of interest, wherein the data processor is adapted for performing the following operation: loading the data set and reconstructing an image of the object of interest on the basis of the data set, wherein a weighing is performed during reconstruction of the image and wherein the weighing is based on statistical considerations.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line ¹⁶~~19~~ which begins with, "According to another exemplary..." with the following amended paragraph:

According to another exemplary embodiment of the present invention ~~as set forth in claim 10~~, the reconstruction of the image is performed on the basis of an iterative algorithm comprising a plurality of update steps until an end criterion has been fulfilled, wherein the iterative algorithm is a maximum-likelihood algorithm and the reconstructed image has the highest likelihood. Furthermore, the weighing is performed in each update step of the plurality of update steps.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line ²⁴~~27~~ which begins with, "According to another exemplary..." with the following amended paragraph:

According to another exemplary embodiment of the present invention ~~as set forth in claim 11~~, a CT scanner system is provided, comprising a memory for storing a data set of an object of interest and a data processor for performing artifact correction in the data set of the object of interest, wherein the data processor is adapted for performing the following operation: loading the data set and reconstructing an image of the object of interest of the data set, wherein a statistical weighing is performed during reconstruction of the image.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line ³~~7~~ which begins with, "The present invention relates..." with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention relates also to a compute program which may, for example, be executed on a processor, such as an image processor. Such a computer program may be part of, for example, a CT scanner system. ~~The computer program, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, is set forth in claim 12.~~ The computer program may be preferably loaded into working memories of data processors. The data processors are thus